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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: PFOR, US, CU

SUBJECT: US DISCUSSIONS WITH CUBA
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1. FOR BONN, LONDON, OTTAWA AND TOKYO: PLEASE TRANSMIT ORALLY MESSAGE BEGINNING PARA 3 TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON MARCH 24 PRIOR TO 1200 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME.
2. FOR USNATO: YOU MAY INFORM LUNS AND THE PERMREPS OF THE FOLLOWING ON MARCH 24 PRIOR TO 1200 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME.
3. BEGIN MESSAGE: US REPRESENTATIVES WILL HOLD INITIAL TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CUBA ON MARCH 24. THESE

DISCUSSIONS STEM FROM A CUBAN INITIATIVE FOR TALKS ON THE US FISHERIES LAW WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1977. IN ADDITION TO THIS SUBJECT AND THE QUESTION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES, OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST OR CONCERN TO THE US WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN THESE FIRST TALKS; AMONG THEM ARE THE ANTI-HIJACKING AGREEMENT RENOUNCED BY CASTRO, CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA, AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. SO FAR, THE CUBANS HAVE ONLY AGREED TO NEGOTIATE ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 200 MILE FISHING ZONES.

4. OUR OBJECTIVES IN SEEKING A DIALOGUE WITH CUBA AND IN EVENTUALLY ESTABLISHING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT COUNTRY SIMILAR TO THAT WE HAVE WITH SOME EAST EUROPEAN STATES ARE IN SUMMARY:

A. TO ENABLE US TO SEEK TO RESOLVE SEVERAL PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE BECAUSE OF CUBA'S CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE US OR WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT US CITIZENS;

B. TO MAKE OUR RELATIONS WITH CUBA CONSISTENT WITH OUR SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS;

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D. TO HALT GROWING POLARIZATION IN THE CARIBBEAN;

E. AND, AS A LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE, TO SEEK TO DIMINISH CUBAN DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIET UNION.

5. DISCUSSION, MUCH LESS RESOLUTION, OF THE COMPLEX SET OF ISSUES BETWEEN THE US AND CUBA WILL REQUIRE MANY MEETINGS PROBABLY OVER A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME. THE FIRST OBSTACLE IS THAT CUBA CONTINUES TO IMPOSE PRE-CONDITIONS ON DISCUSSIONS BEYOND THE FISHERIES QUESTION. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. A JOINT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE FIRST TALKS HAVE BEEN HELD WILL BE MADE ON MARCH 24. END MESSAGE.
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